Default in depositing PF amount by NIIT. Okhla

1879. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Company named 'National Institute of Information Technology' NIIT House, C-125, Okhla Ph-I, New Delhi and its branches throughout commiting numerous frauds in depositing the amounts with the concerned Government authorities of of E S I /Regional Provident Fund Commissioner's Offices:

(b) if so, what are the details of the amounts deposited by this company during the last three years with the concerned Government Authorities i.e. E.S.I. and R.P.F.C s offices and what should be the exact amounts which the said Company should be required to deposit; and

(c) the action contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Production and import of Pulses, Oil Seeds and Sugar

1880. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a large scale short-fall in production of Dal (Pulses), Oil Seeds and Sugar, in comparison with its demand, in the current session;

(b) the details of estimated and actual productions of oil seeds, Dal and Sugar vis-a-vis its demands during 1988-89, 1989-90 and projections for 1990-91; and

(c) the quantities of the respective items imported during the years 1988-89 and 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (c) Broadly speaking, pulses and edible oils@ are in short supply as compared to demand in the country The actual shortages and the quantities, if any, of pulses, edible oils and sugar to be imported vary from year to year depending upon the indigenous production, total availability, and the demand etc.

The quantities of pulses, edible oils@and sugar imported during the year 1988-89 and 1989-90 are as under:—

(In lakh tonnes)

	1988-89	1989-90
Pulses	8.27	2.51 (P) (upto Dec., 1989)
Edible oils	11.66	2.90
Sugar	..	2.42

(P)—Provisional
@—Oil seeds for crushing purposes are canalised and are not being imported.

(b) Actual production of pulses, oil seeds and sugar for the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and projections for the year 1990-91 are as follows:—

(in million tonnes)

	1988-89	1989-90 (Anticipated)	1990-91
Pulses	13.70	14.00—14.50	15.00 (Projecton)
Oil seeds	17.89	16.50—17.00	17.24 (Projection-Tentative)
Sugar (Sugar year; October-September)	8.75	10.4	Not Available

(NOTE: Sugar is Agro based Industry and sugar production depends on various factors including weather conditions etc. It is, therefore, not possible to estimate the sugar production for the next crushing season i.e. 1990-91 at this stage).

Import of Dal (Pulses), Edible Oils and Sugar

1881. SHRI S S AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to import Dal, Edible Oil and Sugar to meet the short-falls in its production;

(b) the quantities of the respective items likely to be imported during the financial year 1990-91 and how much of it would reach our shore prior to 31-3-1990; and

(c) if so, whether any private agencies would also be involved in these imports, if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) and (c) The quantities of edible oil and sugar to be imported, if any, are decided from time to time keeping in view the various factors such as local production, total availability, prices of these items in the indigenous and in the international market and consumption requirements demand from the States/UTs etc. Sugar and edible oils imports are canalised through public agencies like STC and through the Government itself. The import of pulses is allowed on OGL. The indigenous production and availability of pulses is in short supply as compared to demand.

(b) No proposal for import of sugar is at present under consideration of the Government. STC has concluded contracts for import of 1·08 lakh tonnes of Palmolein from 1-4-1990 to 22-5-1990. This quantity is expected to arrive by mid-August, 1990. Data on actual OGL imports of pulses during the 1990-91 so far, are not available.

Deployment of Fire Fighting personnel in various sensitive Buildings

1882. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the fire fighting personnel deployed by CPWD, fire unit in Parliament House, Parliament House Annexe, North and South Block and P.M.'s House as on 1st January 1990. separately ;

(b) the strength of fire personnel and jeep drivers recommended by the Fire Experts for each building; and

(c) the steps being taken to recruit drivers and fire personnel in order to avoid fire hazards in such prime buildings ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The number of fire fighting personnel deployed is as under :—

Parliament House .	11
Parliament House Annexe	12
North & South Blocks	42
P.M.'s House	5

(b) The Deputy Fire Adviser, Ministry of Home Affairs, gave recommendation for Parliament